

# Christ the King School

## December Newsletter 2019

### Food Drive

During the month of November, Christ the King Parish and Christ the King School are partnering up to collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Students are encouraged to bring items to school during November. On Grandparents' Day, Wednesday, November 27th Grandparents and students may bring a non-perishable item to school Mass. If you are able to bring more than one item, please send them to school. This way, if someone is unable to contribute at this time, each student will still be able to bring an item to Mass. Thank you for your past support. **Suggested items: Canned Fruits and vegetables, canned meat, Cereal, Boxed Dinners, Cake mix, soup, and pasta**

### Christ the King School Christmas Programs 2019

#### Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment "CAKE"

**Who:** All students in grades Pre-6

**When:** Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm. \*Drop your child off at O'Gorman High School at 6:40 pm there will not be supervision prior to that time.

**Where:** O'Gorman High School Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre

**What to wear:** All students wear dressy festive clothing. (Some 3rd-6th graders have additional costumes.)

**Preschool:** The preschool Christmas performance will be included in the K-6th-grade program at the beginning. Parents of Preschoolers please save a spot for your child to sit. If your child does not normally attend on a music class day we still encourage them to attend the concert. The teachers have been working on music with them in the classroom.

#### Band Concert Tour

It's hard to believe that the Christmas concert is already next month!! The 6th-grade band students from Christ the King, St. Katharine Drexel and St. Michael will combine into one band and travel to each school to perform. We are working on some fun music to perform for everyone! The schedule for upcoming events is:

- Thursday, December 5th- 6th-grade band students will rehearse at St. Michael from 1:30-2:30. We will be looking for parent drivers for this rehearsal!
- Tuesday, December 17th- Concert/Tour Day!!

- 8:00- Christ the King 6th grade band students load bus. We will then travel to pick up the St. Michael students
- 8:20- St. Michael 6th grade band students load bus and travel to St. Katharine Drexel.
- 8:40 am- Warm-up at St. Katharine Drexel
- 9:15- St. Katharine Drexel performance
- 10:45- St. Michael performance
- Lunch at St. Michael after our performance there. Students will need a sack lunch.
- 1:15- Christ the King performance
- 2:00- St. Katharine Drexel and St. Michael students load the bus to return to their schools

We will perform the same concert at each school, so parents are welcome to attend any of the performances! We also would LOVE to have some parents come along and help with the morning, afternoon, or all day! Parents are welcome to ride the bus with us or drive and take percussion equipment. If you are able to help with any of these please contact Mrs. Richards at [srichards@ogknights.org](mailto:srichards@ogknights.org)

## **Pre and Kindergarten Ornament making fun with Parents**

December 21st at 10:00 am all parents or special adult friends are invited to attend our 2nd annual Ornament decorating fun with all of our preschoolers and kindergarten students. It will be a day of Christmas fun for all. Look for information to be sent home as the day gets closer.

## **Staff Christmas Gifts**

The SFO is excited to announce the Christ the King School Christmas gift program. Its main purpose is to provide a convenient way for families to remember the staff at Christ the King School this Christmas season. Participation in this program is completely optional and the amount contributed is confidential. The letter is included in this newsletter. **The Final collection date will be 12/6/19.**

## **Drop off and Pick up**

Please continue to follow safe practices for students in and around the school. I remind you that at no time during the school day is parking allowed on the playground/parking lot or the cut-in on West Ave. during drop off. Please do not drop your child off on the west side of West Ave. or the east side of Lake Ave and allow them to cross. Remember you can use the south side of 26th street to drop off or pick up.

## Before and After School Care

Vacation Care will be offered on full vacation days (7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) at the Holy Spirit Site for all Bishop O'Gorman Catholic School families. The cost of the vacation day is \$25.00 per child. Transportation to/from the site is your responsibility. Your child(ren) will need to bring his/her own lunch and drink these days. On vacation days, no breakfast will be provided, but morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. Please contact the office if interested in signing up for any of the vacation days. **Tuesday, January 7th is the deadline for:**

- Monday, January 20th (full day) Holy Spirit
- Friday, January 31st (half-day) Christ the King
- Monday, February 3rd (full day) Holy Spirit

**Because of the high demand for childcare spots on days of late registrations will not be accepted.**

## School Gift Cards

As the Christmas shopping season approaches, we encourage you to utilize our Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools certificates. Vendors include Applebee's, Bagel Boy, Barnes and Noble, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Century Theaters, Cherry Creek, Culver's, Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic, Get N Go, Great Bear, Hy-Vee, JC Penney, Juice Stop, Kohl's, Lewis, Look's, Qdoba, Scheel's Shopko, Starbuck's, Sunshine, The Gas Stop (Holiday), Walmart, Target, West Mall 7. You get full value for these gift cards and 1.5% of your annual total can be used toward your tuition (3.5% goes toward the Bishop O'Gorman Catholic School operation fund which helps to hold tuition costs down).

## Advent Project

December 2nd we will be kicking off Advent in the school. Our theme will be **Lighting the Christmas Sky for Jesus**. Some of the activities will be :

- Meeting every Monday Morning in the gym around the Advent Wreath to pray and reflect on the reason for the season. Parents are invited to join us
- We will be writing letters to St Nicholas and mail them to Macy's. Macy's will donate \$1.00 to Make a Wish for every card they receive up to a million dollars.
- We will be making Christmas cards to give out at the Banquet on Christmas day.
- We will also sell Dress Down Coupons **after and before school the week of December 2nd-6th**. The students will be allowed **one** coupon at \$2.00 each.
- We will also collect items for the 27th annual Advent Baby Shower. Please leave unwrapped new gifts in the designated collection sites or bring them to the school office. Gifts will be shared with those in need in the parish, community, and diocese. **Suggested Gifts (Newborn-12 months)** Sleepers, Diapers, and Wipes, Bath Items, Hats, and gloves, Onesies, Jackets, Blankets, Outfits, Socks, Snowsuits, Bottles, Baby Toys

## **Hats, Mittens, Snow Pants, Boots**

Please remember to send your child with all the proper snow gear for recess. We will be going outside as long as the temperature is above zero. If your child is in need of any snow gear please let the office know.

## **Lunch**

Please keep your lunch balances positive. If you have questions regarding your account, please contact Stephanie Meyer at 605-338-5103. Please note that "fast food" items are not allowed in the lunchroom. Lunch is a positive time in our school day. We rely on staff, aides, and volunteers to help us make our lunch program even more successful. Please consider helping in our lunchroom.

## **Library**

Thank you to all who visited our school book fair during conference week! Thank you from the teachers for your book donations for classrooms and the library.

I was able to purchase a nice assortment of books for the library straight from the Fair including graphic novels, picture books, and chapter fiction. I can't wait to get them ready for the students to check out!

Thank you to the setup crew of Kendra, Eric, Eldon, and Nolan Dexter and Ann and Ella Bain and April and Hannah Barnett. Many hands make light work! Thank you to the tear-down crew of Michelle and Katie Weisensee and Lindamarie Croushore. After a busy sales day, it was nice to have the help!! Katie Dow

## **Discipline**

Thank you for supporting our efforts at school regarding school expectations. Our goal is to create a positive school culture and climate in which teaching and learning can safely take place requires a partnership between parents, teachers, and the community. At CTK, we want every student to have a clear understanding of what is, and what is not acceptable behavior. School rules and expectations are clearly posted in classrooms and throughout the building. Students are expected to adhere to school rules and guidelines as well as display leadership qualities on a daily basis. If school rules are broken and disciplinary action must be taken, the disciplinary action will serve as a learning experience through which a student can grow in terms of character, values, self-control, self-understanding, respect, and appreciation of others. Fix-it Tickets will be sent home for all 1st -6th-grade students. On the ticket, the student will write the reason for the Fix- it Ticket and ways to correct the error. 4th -6th-grade students that receive a Fix-it Ticket will need to serve a 15 min detention after school the following day. If the Fix it Ticket is not returned signed the following day the student will call home.

## December Birthdays

4- Graham Kotten  
8- Amelia Mueller  
9- Katie Dow (Library)  
9- Madelyn Lewison  
10- Charlie Kramer  
14- Natalie Benjamin  
17- Ben Thoreson  
20- Oliver Christensen  
21- Colby Dengler  
25- Noah Kalifa

## January Birthdays

4- Lana White (PE)  
10- Alaric Hillman  
13- Maria Dennison  
13- Elijah Loecker  
13- Luis Marquez  
13- Ruby Noguchi  
14- Beza Yadette  
19- Noah Baldwin  
19- Norah Barnett  
22- Noah Elliott  
23- Isaac Wilcox

## Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot

The Annual Marquette Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship contest will be on January 10th in the Christ the King gym during the student's regular PE classes. Boys and girls from 9 - 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 can participate. The first-place winners in each category and age group will qualify for districts. We hope the students enjoy the fun and competition!

## Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! Preschool and Kindergarten open house "A Knights Life" will be February 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Dinner will be served with entertainment following. It is a fun way to showcase all that Christ the King has to offer. Look for your invitation in the mail in January and invite a friend.

- Enrollment opens February 13th for **existing Families**
- Enrollment opens February 24th for **new families**

## All Saints Party - Thank you

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, those who helped set up and tear down and those who donated prizes and food for the All Saints Party. It was a great community builder for our school and parish.

The winners of the Saint costume contest are:

Boys - 3rd place - Jack Jorgenson

2nd place - David Jirik

1st place - Isaac Millette

Girls - 3rd place - Anna Donna

2nd place - Ella Schmitz

1st place - Emily McCoy

## **January Newsletter**

I will be sending out a January newsletter when we return from Christmas break on the 6th.

From all of us at Christ the King School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

